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## Editorial Comment

Reaction to the call of a special session of the General Assembly to act on needs for upward calling of teachers' pay, and other pressing matters, has been favorable, and it is well to commend Governor Tuck for his initiative.

### THANKS TO MERCHANTS

Tired Appomattox merchants are deserving of a vote of thanks for the successful efforts they have kept up during many long months to provide their customers with scarce goods. Our stores have supplied commodities in general, as soon as they were available anywhere. And that has not been an easy task. Merchants have had to alert and use ingenuity to obtain goods to sell. We know from our own business what a struggle it has been to maintain an inventory to meet the requirements of our trade. So, as we come to the end of a year, let's pause and thank the merchants who have kept us supplied!

### USED CAR PRICES

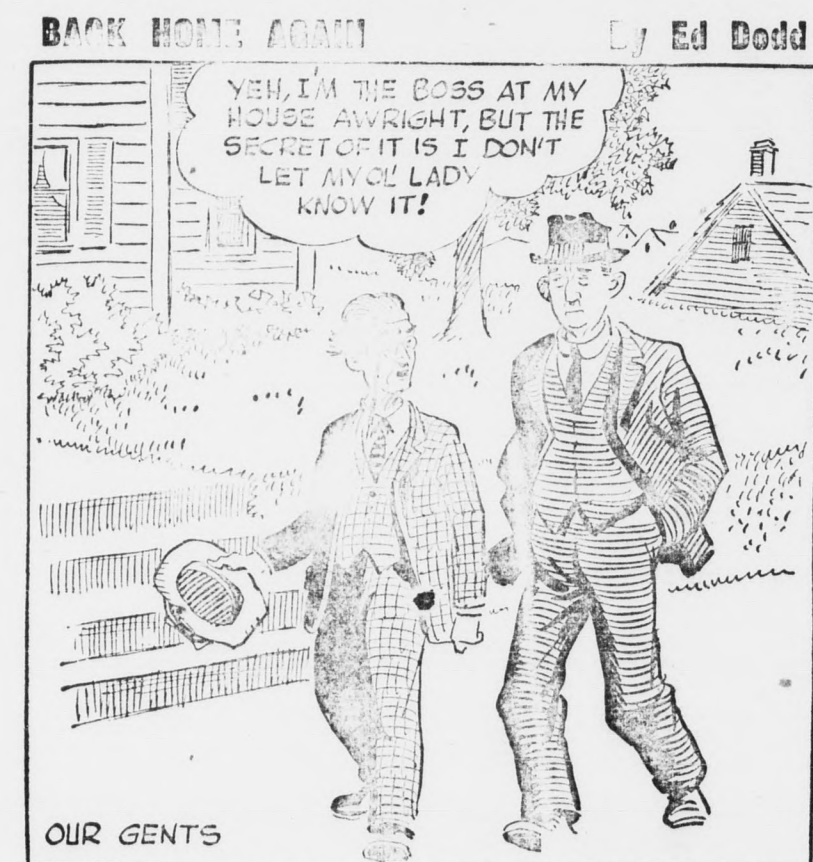
It appears to us that one group of prices likely to come down in the near future, is in the used car field. More and more new cars are coming on the market, and although the demand for used cars continues high, customers are becoming more careful in buying. The day of used cars bringing higher prices than the listed price of new cars is about over.

One way to combat a winter-laying slump in your poultry flocks is to use an electric water warmer, say agricultural engineers of the Extension Service. It will assure your hens plenty of water to drink at all times.

To reduce fatigue and perform household tasks more quickly and efficiently, make a "motion study" advice home economists. Observe yourself as you work... then cut out unnecessary motions.

"Daily Security Through Production"

Ed Dodd



## YOUR FORTUNE FINDER

To learn your "fortune" for this week from the stars, write in the letters of the alphabet corresponding to the numerals on the line the astrological period in which you were born. You will find it fun.

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| DEC. 20  | 4  | 5  | 20 | 1  | 9  | 12 | 19 | 18 | 5  | 22 | 9  | 5  | 23 | 5  | 4  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By NANCY PEPPER MIDDY MAD

### Lesson for December 22

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A MESSAGE OF LOVE (CHRISTMAS LESSON)  
LESSON TEXT—John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9  
MEMORY SELECTION—Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift—II Corinthians 9:15

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem there were only a few men and women of faith who could see in the Babe of the manger the glory and the power of Christ. It was a dark and unbelieving age into which he was born—and who will say that it is different in the day in which we celebrate Christmas, 1940.

Indifferent, ignorant and sinful people are glad to try to cut him out of the spirit of Christmas, but they still despise and turn away from the Son of God, Jesus the Saviour.

It behooves us, therefore, to present once more the message of the Saviour who came at Christmas.

Our Father speaks of God's great gift of love and tells what manner of men and women we should be because he did give his Son for us.

I. God's Christmas Gift to Us (John 3:16)

God loved—so God gave. Love prompts the heart to give. One may give without loving, it is true, but one cannot love without giving.

God's love for man existed from all eternity. It provided a way of redemption for man and in due season the Saviour came, to live, to love, to die for all mankind.

It was no chance event, no accident in history; it was the heart of God manifest in his "unspeakable gift" (II Cor. 9:15) of his only begotten Son.

That leads us to our second Scripture and our second point. We who receive gifts try to express our appreciation in a polite and proper way.

II. Our "Thank You" to God (Eph. 2:8-9)

Paul's prayer for the Ephesian church (and for us also who are in the "family") v. 19 tells us how we may live our lives as Christians and express our gratitude to God.

The church of Christ, made up of those who are believers in Him, should show its relationship to God, and its appreciation of his grace by its.

1. Strength (v. 16). It does not honor God nor is he properly represented in the world by those who are spiritually weak and ineffective.

It is the privilege of the believer to be "strengthened with might" (v. 16) and this takes place as the Holy Spirit has liberty "with power penetrating to your inmost being," as Weymouth translates it. No part of man's inner being is then left weak or without the light and grace of the Holy Spirit.

2. Love (v. 17). This is the strong foundation of all spiritual development and usefulness. Roots are put down deep (as we change the figure of speech) to hold the life steady, and to provide the nourishment for spiritual living.

This is all possible because Christ makes his home in the heart. Think of the privilege of making such a guest (v. 17) at home in our hearts! Let us be grateful, and let us recognize him and honor his presence.

3. Knowledge (v. 18, 19). The believer has to know not only the knowable, but also that which passes knowledge, namely the love of Christ.

We shall grow in grace as we grow in the knowledge of the love of Christ (II Pet. 3:18). We with all of God's people—what a great and delightful company—are to comprehend, to really grasp, the length and breadth and height and depth of his love.

We say with the psalmist, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain to it" (Ps. 139:6). But then we remember that it is as Christ dwells "in our hearts by faith" (v. 17) that we are able to comprehend such truth.

Most Christians live on a very low plane, going along with a limited and unsatisfactory Christian experience when all this is available to them by faith.

4. Faith (v. 20). Here we see why it is possible to do the impossible, to know that which passes knowledge, to see the unseen. It is by faith in him who "is able to do infinitely beyond all our highest prayers and thoughts" (Weymouth, v. 20) that we attain unto this blessed place of blessing.

So this is the "Thank you" that God wants this Christmas. He wants the unbeliever to turn to him in faith, and the believer to really be what he ought to be and can be in Christ. Then a man's whole life will say, "Thank you, Lord, for saving my soul!"

For the tenth successive year the writer of these notes expresses to his readers everywhere his good wish for a most blessed Christmas both in heart and home. May the Lord give us all special grace this year to thank him for his great Christmas Gift by a life wholly dedicated to him.

## "GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features

By NANCY PEPPER MIDDY MAD

Wherever they're selling sailors' white middie blouses as U. S. navy surplus, there you are, buying these like mad. True, they were made for sailors, but now they're worn by sailor maids. It's a fact.

Dye Hards—Even your favorite gob won't recognize your navy middie when you finish dyeing it up in your favorite color or you decorate it with those textile paints or you embroider over your friend's autograph in bright colors. Oh, the navy was never like this!

Belt It In—Nothing makes your U. S. navy middie look more shipshape than your wide leather belt. Wear your middie as a belted over blouse or tuck it into the top of your skirt and punctuate with your precious three-inch wide polo belt.

Sissy Ties—You're replacing the traditional black middie tie with the gayest scarf in your collection. The one with boys' names printed on it and the Hubba Hubba name are your favorites to wear under your middie collar, tied with long flowing lines in front. And talking about navy, lots of you want to know the identity of the boy who plays the sailor in the movie, "Breakfast in Hollywood." Isn't that the way you discovered your high Guy Madison?

TRIXIE TEEN SAYS—

You're thrilled that He finally asked you for a date, but there's a fly in the ointment and a bee in your bonnet. You hope he's "that way" about Mary Brown and you keep wondering if you got him on the rebound, after she turned him down. Well, worrying about things like that never got you anything but a dreary evening with a man who's not your date and instead of being sorry that Mary said, "No," he'll be glad that you said "Yes."

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Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Dec. 17. Mrs. A. W. Deane of Lynchburg spent Friday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Almond.

Miss Florence Layne, of Lynchburg spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Layne.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jennings spent Sunday afternoon in Lynchburg with Mr. and Mrs. George Perdue.

Wyllie C. McCormick, S. 2-G, of Rhode Island spent Sunday with his brother, Borden McCormick.

Miss Pauline Layne spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Alice Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Floyd, of Lynchburg spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Almond.

Miss Emma Johnston, of Richmond recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Johnston.

Miss Charlie Cheatham and her brother, Aubrey visited relatives in Lynchburg Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. William Moon, of Halifax visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harvey, born December 14, at the Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carson, are the proud parents of a baby boy, born December 14, at the Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg.

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